

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the specification the paragraphs have been amended to conform the specification to U.S. practice.

Claims 1-22 have also been amended to conform to U.S. practice.

The Abstract has been amended to conform to U.S. practice.

The above-directed amendments do not insert new matter into application.

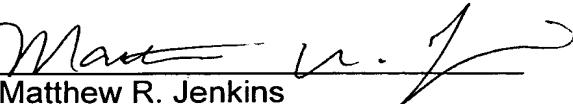
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1287. Applicants hereby provide a general request for any extension of time which may be required at any time during the prosecution of the application. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any fees which have not been previously paid for by check and which are required during the prosecution of this application to Deposit Account No. 50-1287. (Should Deposit Account No. 50-1287 be deficient, please charge any further deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 10-0220).

Applicant invites the Examiner to contact the undersigned via telephone with any questions or comments regarding this case.

Favorable action on the merits of the application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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